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1. The Grosskokerei Matyas Rakosi in Lauchhammer is being put out of operation. The coke ovens which have been in use there were poorly constructed and are developing cracks, leaking gas, etc. Of 24 such ovens, only 10 are still in operation; those will be shut off, one after another, during August 1963.
2. The coke and briquettes produced by Lauchhammer have been of inferior quality for some time, due to failure of the ovens and the use of inferior materials. These recently produced briquettes burn improperly and frequently contain lumps of incombustible material.

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